GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Construction of Border Outposts at Indo- Bangladesh Border
Birla Shri Om

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government intends to implement the report of the Standing Committee on Home Affairs which has recommended to reconsider the original plan of constructing 509 Border Outposts (BoP) to reduce the inter-BoP distance to 3.5 kilometres in the interest of the security of the nation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether only 97 BoPs, out of 326 BoPs have been completed by the end of 2016 along the Indo-Bangladesh border; and

(d) if so, the reasons behind the slow pace of development and the steps taken by the Government to expedite the process?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI KIREN RIJIJU)

(a) & (b) The project for construction of 509 Composite Border Out Posts(BOPs) was reduced to 422 Composite BOPs as the construction of remaining BOPs was not feasible either due to pending land acquisition or due to site conditions. However, it has been decided that the construction activities of remaining BOPs will be taken up as and when the site is made available or construction becomes feasible at an alternative site.
(c) & (d) The construction of BOPs has been delayed due to pending land acquisition, delay in forest wildlife clearances, etc. However, forest/wildlife clearance has been obtained and to resolve the issue of pending land acquisition, it has been decided to construct the BOPs in the land of 'Right of Way' offence and road, wherever available.

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